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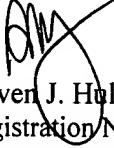
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In response to the Notice of Allowability dated August 30, 1999 in the above-identified application, wherein new drawings were required, enclosed are new formal drawings for Figures 1-3 in replacement of the originally filed correspondingly numbered informal drawing figures.

The new formal drawings comply with all requirements of Rule 83 and are otherwise in proper form and condition for publication of the patent on this application.

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